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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR ARTHUR ROGERS, DIV. B, WATERVILLE DEC. 21:

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: HAD FOUR DEER-CAR ACCIDENTS THIS WEEK. VERY FEW RABBIT HUNTERS OUT. ICE FISHERMEN ARE HAVING PRETTY GOOD LUCK ON DYERS POND AND CLARY LAKE.

WARDEN ROGER SPAULDING, AUBURN: HAD SIX DEER-CAR ACCIDENTS THIS MONTH; ALSO A FEW SCATTERED ORCHARD-DAMAGE COMPLAINTS. THIS, SUPPLEMENTED BY NUMEROUS DEER SIGN THROUGH THIS DISTRICT, INDICATES THAT THE DEER APPEAR TO BE PLENTIFUL. THE DEER KILL FOR THIS DISTRICT WAS UP 14 PER CENT OVER THE 1962 KILL. ACCORDING TO TRAPPERS' COMMENTS AND THE NUMEROUS TRACKS SEEN, FISHER ARE ABUNDANT THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

HAVE TAGGED 32 FISHER SO FAR THIS MONTH. DOG-DEER COMPLAINTS ARE BEGINNING TO COME IN. MOOSE ARE PLENTIFUL AND BEING SEEN OFTEN.

WARDEN WINFIELD GORDON, WARREN: A FEW RABBIT HUNTERS ARE OUT BUT NOT MUCH LUCK. DEER ARE MOVING AROUND NOW; HAVE HAD FOUR DEER STRUCK BY CARS IN THE PAST WEEK. ICE FISHERMEN ARE OUT IN FORCE. WE HAVE FOUR TO EIGHT INCHES OF ICE IN THE DISTRICT NOW ON MOST OF THE PONDS.

BEAVER TRAPPERS DOWN THIS WAY ARE NOT TAKING MUCH INTEREST.

WARDEN CHARLES TUTTLE, RICHMOND: IN SPITE OF A WEEK OF ZERO DEGREE WEATHER, WE HAVE A ROBIN THAT MAKES A DAILY VISIT TO OUR YARD. THE ICE IN THE KENNEBEC RIVER WAS SIX INCHES THICK AS OF DEC. 22 AT RICHMOND. IN THE PAST TWO DAYS, SIX DEER HAVE FALLEN ON THE GLARE ICE OF THE KENNEBEC AND HAD TO BE RESCUED, FOR THEY WERE UNABLE TO GET ON THEIR FEET THEMSELVES.

WARDEN BILL GORDON, NORTH EDGECOMB: ICE MAKING GOOD; ABOUT FIVE INCHES ON THE SMALL PONDS AND BOGS. SEEM TO BE QUITE A FEW DEER SIGNS IN MOST OF THE DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY WHERE THERE ARE APPLES. FISHER SIGNS APPEAR TO BE MORE PLENTIFUL THAN PREVIOUS YEARS, AND PARTRIDGE ARE PLENTIFUL. DOGS HAVEN'T STARTED TO BOTHER DEER MUCH.

WARDEN INSPECTOR JOHN SHAW, WISCASSET: SMALLER PONDS ARE ICE COVERED AND BEING FISHED IN SPITE OF THE COLD WEATHER. DEER DON'T APPEAR TO BE MOVING A GREAT DEAL. THEY ARE COMING TO THE APPLES WHERE THERE ARE ANY LEFT. HAVE SEEN FISHER TRACKS EVERY TRIP INTO THE WOODS SINCE SNOW. MANY SMELT FISHING CAMPS HAVE APPEARED ON THE ICE OF THE COASTAL STREAMS.

WARDEN GEORGE NASH, JEFFERSON: RABBIT HUNTERS ARE SAYING RABBITS ARE SCARCE. DEER SIGNS ARE NOT AS PLENTIFUL AS I HAVE SEEN THEM IN PAST YEARS. HAVE HAD QUITE A FEW DOG COMPLAINTS ON DOGS RUNNING DEER.

MORE



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WARDEN MELL RANDALL, LIVERMORE: COMPLAINTS OF DOGS CHASING DEER ARE INCREASING. FEDERAL WARDEN OWEN SEELYE AND I HERDED AND CAPTURED A WOUNDED LOON AT LONG POND.

WARDEN HAROLD TUKEY, BELGRADE: DEER, FISHER, AND FOX SIGNS ARE NUMEROUS. RABBITS ARE SCARCE. SIX TO EIGHT INCHES OF ICE ON MOST SMALL PONDS.

WARDEN ORAL PAGE, BELGRADE: ALL PONDS FROZEN NOW. ICE FISHERMEN SHOULD USE CAUTION ON THE THICKNESS OF ICE.

SUPERVISOR ROGERS: MOST CERTAINLY THE HIGHLIGHT FOR THE WEEK IN DIVISION B IS THE REPORT FROM WARDEN MELL RANDALL ON THE DEER SITUATION IN HIS DISTRICT AFTER THE DEER SEASON CLOSED AND AFTER A DEER KILL IN HIS DISTRICT OF 533 DEER. DEER HERDS IN THIS DISTRICT ARE COMING INTO THE LARGE COMMERCIAL ORCHARDS AND DAMAGING HUNDREDS OF YOUNG APPLE TREES. THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF DEER IN MANY AREAS, AND PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD FOR 1964.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALTER BISSETT, DIV. C, ELLSWORTH DEC. 15:

INSPECTOR HOMER EDGECOMB, BUCKSPORT: SOME PEOPLE ARE BORN LUCKY. IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, ASK WARDEN MOSES JACKSON! WHILE CHECKING FISHERMEN ON CHEMO POND IN CLIFTON DEC. 15, WE OBSERVED TIRE TRACKS LEADING OUT ON THE ICE. OUR FIRST THOUGHT WAS THAT SOMEONE HAD DRIVEN OUT ONTO THE COVE A SHORT DISTANCE AND RETURNED TO SHORE. HOWEVER, THIS WAS NOT THE CASE. WHILE CHECKING FISHERMEN FARTHER UP THE POND, WE CAME ACROSS THREE ANGLERS WHO WITNESSED A PICKUP TRUCK DRIVE UP THE POND AND RETURN. FROM THE EIGHT HOLES THAT THE THREE FISHERMEN HAD CUT, IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE ICE WAS ONLY FOUR INCHES THICK!

SUPERVISOR BISSETT: EIGHTEEN DEER WERE KILLED BY ARCHERS IN THIS DIVISION DURING THE PAST HUNTING SEASON. I BELIEVE THIS IS A RECORD FOR THE DIVISION. THE DEER WERE KILLED IN THE FOLLOWING TOWNS: ISLESBORO 13, LINCOLNVILLE 4, AND SWANS ISLAND 1.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WILLIAM SHAW, DIV. E, STRONG, DEC. 21:

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, BETHEL: DEER ARE WORKING ON FROZEN APPLES A GOOD DEAL BUT ARE ALSO SPENDING SOME TIME IN THE AREAS WHERE THEY EVENTUALLY YARD WHEN THE SNOWS DEEPEN. PONDS SEEM TO BE PRETTY WELL BUTTONED UP, BUT THE COLD WEATHER SEEMS TO BE KEEPING THE ICE FISHERMEN FROM GETTING OUT.

WARDEN ALDEN KENNETT, DEC. 22: SUNDAY DEC. 22, A LARGE BUCK MADE A BIG MISTAKE AND COMMITTED SUICIDE BY LEAPING OFF FROM THE WILD RIVER BRIDGE AT GILEAD. A CAR COMING ALONG RTE. 2 MET THE DEER APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY ACROSS THE BRIDGE. THE DEER, NOT ABLE TO SEE THE DROP, JUMPED OVER THE RAILING AND FELL 30 TO 40 FEET ONTO THE ICE BREAKING ITS NECK. ROUND POND IN LOCKE MILLS IS PRODUCING PICKEREL FOR THOSE WILLING TO SPEND TIME FIGHTING THE COLD WEATHER THIS WEEK. A FEW DOG COMPLAINTS STARTING TO COME IN NOW.

WARDEN WARREN ADAMS, DIXFIELD: HAVE BEEN CRUISING OLD FARMS THIS WEEK. MORE DEER COMING TO APPLES THAN LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME. NOT MANY BEAVER TRAPPERS ASKING ABOUT OPENINGS.

MORE

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WARDEN INSPECTOR ALANSON NOBLE, DIXFIELD: COLD WEATHER AND POWDER SNOW HAVE GIVEN THE RABBIT HUNTERS THE HORRORS. DOGS CAN FIND THE RABBITS BUT ARE UNABLE TO KEEP THEM ON THE MOVE. DEER ARE WORKING THE APPLES, WHERE THERE ARE DEER, BUT WE SEE NO SIGNS OF ILLEGAL HUNTING. TRAPPERS HAVE HAD IDEAL CRUISING WEATHER, BUT ARE FINDING THAT THE LATE FALL RAINS HAVE SCATTERED THE BEAVER.

WARDEN GRAY MORRISON, KINGFIELD: DECEMBER 23, I WATCHED A ROBIN IN KINGFIELD FROM APPROXIMATELY 15 FEET. TWELVE INCHES OF ICE ON GILMAN POND IN LEXINGTON. FOURTEEN INCHES OF ICE AT THE DEAD RIVER HATCHERY. WARDEN JOHN SWASEY, ANDOVER: HAD A REPORT OF A DEAD DEER AND UPON INVESTIGATING FOUND A LARGE BUCK WHICH HAD EVIDENTLY TRIED TO JUMP UP OUT OF A STREAM ON TO THE BANK WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY THREE FEET IN HEIGHT. HE HAD IMPALED HIMSELF ON A HARDWOOD BEAVER CUTTING, ABOUT ONE INCH IN DIAMETER AND 18 INCHES LONG. THE SAPLING HAD DRIVEN WELL INTO THE ABDOMEN AND BROKEN OFF. ODD ACCIDENTS HAPPEN TO WILD ANIMALS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR WALLACE BARRON, DIV. J, BINGHAM, DEC. 19:

WARDENS IN THIS DIVISION ARE CHECKING CAMPS UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS. THE TRAVELLING IS EXCELLENT, ROADS ARE FROZEN SOLID, AND THERE IS VERY LITTLE SNOW.

INSPECTOR HARRY KEARNEY HAS STARTED A ONE-DAY-A-WEEK SCHOOL FOR THE MEN WHO WILL ATTEND WARDEN SCHOOL THIS WINTER BUT HAVE NOT ATTENDED IN THE PAST.

BEAVER TRAPPERS ARE BUSY IN THAT AREA OF SOMERSET AND PISCATAQUIS COUNTIES NORTH OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RR THAT OPENED DEC. 1. WE HAVE NOT TAGGED ANY YET, BUT INDICATIONS ARE GOOD THAT THE TAKE WILL BE HEAVY IN THE AREA WHERE WE HAVE A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

NEW ICE FISHING HUTS APPEAR ALMOST DAILY AT WYMAN LAKE NORTH OF BINGHAM; FISHING FOR SMELTS IS FAIR.

TO DATE, WE HAVE TAGGED MORE FISHER THAN WE HAVE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

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FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR DAVID PRIEST, DIV. G, LINCOLN CENTER, DEC. 29:

MONDAY, DEC. 23, AT MILLINOCKET, A GOOSE TRIED TO LAND ON THE MAIN STREET. IT CRASHED INTO A CAR AND WAS KILLED. SATURDAY, DEC. 28, IN THE SAME TOWN BUT ON ANOTHER STREET, A BLACK DUCK COMMITTED SUICIDE IN THE SAME MANNER.

BEAVER TRAPPERS ARE HAVING VERY GOOD LUCK. THE TRAVELLING SO FAR HAS BEEN PERFECT AND MANY TRAPPERS ARE AT IT ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE C. P. TRACKS IN PISCATAQUIS COUNTY. MOOSE TRACKS HAVE BEEN PLENTIFUL IN MUCH OF THE DIVISION. I HAVE SEEN THEM IN SOME AREAS THIS WINTER WHERE I HAVE NOT SEEN THEM IN THE PAST. DEER TRACKS ARE NOT PLENTIFUL IN ANY OF THE AREAS I HAVE BEEN IN THIS WINTER. RABBITS ARE VERY HARD TO FIND ANYWHERE IN THE DIVISION. VERY FEW DEER ARE COMING OUT TO THE FIELDS AND ORCHARDS. RABBITS ARE AT A LOW CYCLE THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION. FOX ARE PLENTIFUL; ALSO, WEASELS SEEM TO BE MAKING A COMEBACK. MARTEN ARE PLENTIFUL IN SOME AREAS.

MORE



FIELD NOTES/ADD 3

FROM WARDEN SUPERVISOR CURTIS COOPER, DIV. 1, STOCKHOLM, DEC. 29:

WE HAVE THE BEST ICE CONDITIONS ON THE LAKES THIS WINTER THAT WE HAVE HAD FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THERE IS FROM 15 TO 22 INCHES, WITHOUT ANY SNOW. DRIVING CONDITIONS ARE EXCELLENT. RIVER ICE IS VERY ROUGH IN PLACES, WHERE IT EXISTS.

WE HAVE TAGGED 85 BEAVER DURING THE MONTH, AND MOST LIKELY THERE IS AN EQUAL AMOUNT WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED FOR TAGGING.

WE ARE STILL GETTING MANY REPORTS FROM TRAPPERS ON THE ABUNDANCE OF SABLE. FROM THE LOOKS, FISHER MAY BE ON A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE DIVISION.

WARDEN ARNOLD BELECKIS REPORTS THAT THE BLANCHETTE Co. OF ST. PAMPHILE HAS 40 TRUCKS HAULING LOGS, AND PLANS ON INCREASING TO 75 OR 80. THEIR ENTIRE CUT IS IN MAINE, SOME AS FAR EAST AS THE ALLAGASH RIVER AND MUSQUACOOK STREAM.

DEER ARE TRAVELLING WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE, WITH EIGHT INCHES OF SNOW BEING THE MOST REPORTED ANYWHERE IN THE DIVISION.

GROUSE ARE STILL SHOWING UP WELL, AND RABBITS ARE PLENTIFUL.